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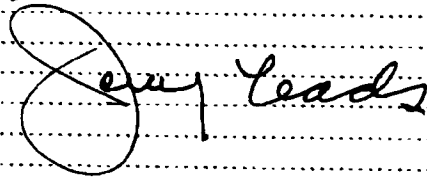
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## COMMENTS

I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO CEASE ALL FEDERAL ACTION  
AGAINST MICROSOFT NOW THAT A SETTLEMENT HAS BEEN  
REACHED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN THIS MATTER.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
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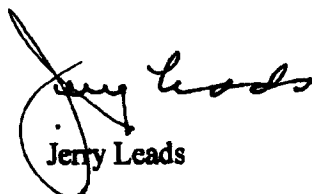
Dear Mr. Ashcroft;

As a user of Microsoft's software and component product, and as a supporter of their mission and philosophy, I strongly urge you to oppose any additional federal action against Microsoft now that a settlement has been reached. After three+ years of dealing with frivolous litigation, Microsoft and the department of Justice have come to an agreement that is fair, judicious, and reasonable, and should be allowed to stand on its own merits. I passionately disagree with any attempt by any government official to delay the implementation of this settlement agreement or to enter into any further litigation with Microsoft. While Microsoft continues to innovate the premier operating system and office productivity software in the industry, this settlement answers many, if not all, of the government's concerns with Microsoft's business practices. The agreement provides for a government technical oversight committee, which will be responsible for monitoring the company's business, marketing and licensing practices.

Additionally, the settlement's terms require Microsoft to allow computer manufacturers to configure their systems individually and forces Microsoft to design future software versions so that non-Microsoft software can be easily added to the computers. Perhaps most importantly, this settlement allows Microsoft's competitors, including Apple, SUN Microsystems, and IBM to sue Microsoft if they believe that the company is not abiding by the terms of the settlement.

This antitrust settlement provides the ability for Microsoft to continue to innovate and to lead the industry, while at the same time correcting some of the perceived wrongs committed in the past. During this time of shaky economies, and an unstable international environment, I am glad that you and your colleagues will now be concentrating on greater national priorities besides the legal dealings of a successful corporation. Thank you for not supporting any federal intervention into this settlement.

Sincerely



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